

NOVEMBER 11.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Thirty-two persons present.

The death of J. Aitken Meigs, M.D., a member, was announced.

The following papers were presented for publication:—

“Reply to Dr. M. C. Cook’s criticism of paper on Variability of *Sphaeria Quercuum*, Sz.” By J. B. Ellis.

“On a collection of Crustacea from Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida, with a revision of the genera of Crangonidæ and Palæmonidæ.” By J. S. Kingsley.

Correction to paper on Hyraceum.—Dr. A. J. Parker called attention to the fact that in the paper entitled “Note on Hyraceum,” Proc. A. N. S. Philad. 1879, p. 12, sulphydric acid should be substituted for sulphuric acid in fifth line from the bottom of the page.

NOVEMBER 18.

Mr. MEEHAN, Vice-President, in the chair.

Twenty-three persons present.

A paper entitled “On the Stratigraphical Evidence afforded by the Tertiary Fossils of the Peninsula of Maryland.” By Angelo Heilprin, was presented for publication.

On the Genus Garberia.—At the meeting of the Botanical Section, held on 10th inst., Mr. Redfield presented the following communication from Dr. ASA GRAY:—

“I wish to secure an opportunity which occurs to dedicate a genus of plants peculiar to Florida to Dr. A. P. Garber, of Pennsylvania, who has done such good botanical service in his recent faithful exploration of the southern portion of Florida. Among the rest, he has rediscovered the interesting plant which will now commemorate his name and services. This plant is the *Liatris fruticosa*, of Nuttall, before collected only by Mr. Ware in scanty specimens. In the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society (N. Ser., vii. 285), Nuttall formed for it a subgenus, *Leptoclinium*. In the Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, xv. 48, issued only a month ago, I raised this to generic rank, in view of characters which need not here be reca-

pitulated. But I carelessly overlooked the patent fact that the late George Gardner had published, in 1846, a *Liatris* (*Leptoclinium*) *Brasiliensis*, which he supposed to be a relative of Nuttall's *Liatris* (*Leptoclinium*) *fruticosa*, and that Bentham, in the *Genera Plantarum*, in view of the pentangular achenium of the Brazilian plant and other characters, founded a genus upon it, and unhappily gave it the name of *Leptoclinium*. All this I unaccountably overlooked. Now, although the name *Leptoclinium* ought properly to belong to the North American plant, a subgeneric name has no rights as against a published generic name. So a new name must be provided for the Florida plant. I had thought at the first of dedicating it to Dr. Garber, but I deferred to the subgeneric name given already by Nuttall; and I now do with alacrity what I ought to have done in the first place. The name and synonymy will stand thus:—

GARBERIA FRUTICOSA. *Liatris fruticosa*, Nutt., in *Am. Journ. Sci.* v. 299, and *Trans. Am. Phil. Soc.* l. c. (subgen. *Leptoclinium*). *Leptoclinium fruticosum*, Gray, *Proc. Am. Acad.* xv. 48, S. Florida, Ware, Garber."

NOVEMBER 25.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Thirty-eight persons present.

A paper entitled "Carcinological Notes, No. I.," by J. S. Kingsley, was presented for publication.

Authority was granted the Mineralogical Section to change the name to the "Mineralogical and Geological Section of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia."

The following were elected members: Benjamin Sharp, H. Russell Bassler, John C. Dawson, John Wilson, Otto Luthy, and Mrs. Mariné J. Chasc.

Theodore Kjerulf, of Christiania, and J. W. Pike, of Vineland, N. J., were elected correspondents.

The following papers were ordered to be printed:—